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**Art Unit 2663**

**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/046,725; Filed: January 17, 2002  
For: **System and Method for a Guaranteed Delay Jitter Bound When  
Scheduling Bandwith Grants for Voice Calls Via A Cable Network**  
Inventors: GUMMALLA *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.0690001

Sir:

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3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
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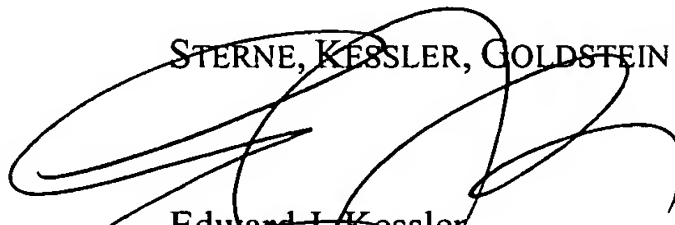
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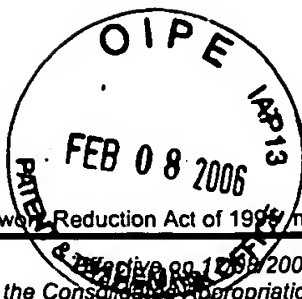
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## Complete if Known

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

***Mail Stop Amendment***

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent

abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.